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The members of the Terminology Committee have determined that, according to its charge, there should be an official list of terms and definitions, for use by scholars and practitioners alike, that could be useful to those interested in toponymic research and toponymic application in its broadest sense. The list should be an officially sanctioned guide, referenced by serious scholars, amateur toponomists, and those who require a general reference, such as media announcers etc. The Committee realizes that this official list is dynamic and therefore must be updated and maintained by an organization capable of providing the necessary expertise and administrative support. The Committee recommends that it would be prudent to adopt and use terms and definitions accepted by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names whenever possible. Further, a goal should be, after a period of refinement, to publish a dictionary of toponymic terms.